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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 387
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Gossett of Germantown on winning the 99th U.S. Amateur Golf Championship and for his stellar collegiate golf career at the University of Texas.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our great athletes, those who work hard, achieve great success and serve as excellent representatives of their respective communities and the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Germantown's David Gossett, who was Tennessee's top high school golfer in 1998, has continued to exceed all expectations in his stellar golfing career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett enjoyed an astounding career at Germantown High School that included countless victories and record-breaking scores; he earned the title of Player of the Year in the American Junior Golf Association in 1997; and

WHEREAS, he was recruited by several prominent schools during high school; he chose to attend the University of Texas to pursue his golf career on a collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, during his freshman year at the University of Texas, he posted one of the finest campaigns in the school's golf history, with four wins, eight top-five finishes, and nine top-

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ten showings in twelve tournament appearances. He maintained one of the lowest scoring averages in the nation at 70.77; and

WHEREAS, in January 1999, television analyst Johnny Miller cast his prediction that Mr. Gossett would win the year's U.S. Amateur Championship to be played in August; he stated: "He is only about Tom Watson's size, but he hits it a mile and has the look of a champion"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett advanced to the 36-hole final of the U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links on August 22, 1999; beginning in sunshine and ending in an eerie fog, that fateful day proved to be one of fulfilled prophecies, as the 20-year-old Tennessean emerged victorious; and

WHEREAS, David Gossett's victory margin of 9 and 8 matched that of the largest winning margin in the tournament in 50 years, as David added the title of 99th U.S. Amateur Champion to the list of his unparalleled accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the Havemayer Trophy, he has earned an automatic invitation to the Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, and British Open in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett is now in his sophomore year at the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Gossett for his dedication and remarkable endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and commend Mr. David Gossett of Germantown, upon winning the 99th U.S. Amateur Championship, salute his outstanding performance during his collegiate golfing career and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

